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More strikes hit rail service

EMBATTLED rail passengers in Northampton look set to be hit again after train conductors last night announced plans to strike for a fourth time in a row over Sunday working.

Members of the Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers Union (RMT) will strike on Tuesday, April 14.

The union said London Midland had failed to give it assurances on the right to opt out of Sunday working and as a result 100 conductors based at depots in Northampton, Bletchley and Watford will strike.

A spokesman for London Midland said: "On Monday we ran around 80 per cent of our normal services. We are determined to run the fullest possible service on Tuesday. We thought a breakthrough had been made but sadly it seems the RMT is set on a course of disruptive action. We believe this is a historical issue. We are still prepared to sit down with the RMT."

RMT general secretary, Bob Crow, said: "It is disappointing that after three rock-solid strikes London Midland has not recognised the depth of feeling of our members over the issue.

"The company knows we are available to talk, and we hope they will now do just that and settle this dispute on the basis of voluntary Sunday working."

Family tribute to bike fanatic



■ Doug Barnfield died after an accident on the A45 on Monday while he was out riding his Harley Davidson. Friends and family have spoken of his passion for biking

THE widow of a superbikes stalwart who was tragically killed in a road accident near his home in Northamptonshire has paid tribute to a "committed family man".

Doug Barnfield, aged 62, who was the general manager of the Motorcycle Circuit Racing Control Board (MCRCB), was on his way to the Auto-Cycle Union (ACU) headquarters in Rugby on a black Harley Davidson when the three-vehicle accident happened on the A45 between Daventry and Braunston.

Mr Barnfield, a track inspector from Woodford Halse, died of his injuries on Monday after the crash with a black Ford Ka and a white Ford Transit van at around 10.30am.

His wife Carol said: "As you can imagine, the whole family are devastated by the loss of Doug. He was a committed family man who had a real passion for motorcycles.

"Up until a couple of years ago he owned a Ducati but with his age he found that increasingly difficult to handle and so he switched to a Harley Davidson.

"Doug's life revolved around motorbikes, not only for work but also for pleasure. His other interests were birdwatching and cooking, indeed he was a very good cook.

"We appreciate everyone's kind thoughts but need time to come to terms with our sudden loss," she added.

Mr Barnfield's colleagues at the MCRCB and ACU also paid tribute to the superbikes veteran after the second fatal accident on the stretch of roads in the past three years.

Gary Thompson, general secretary of the ACU, said: "Doug had been involved in the motorcycle sport for many years.

"He was widely regarded for his knowledge of the sport and what has happened is tragic.

"He was on his way to have a meeting with one of my colleagues about forthcoming track inspections because he was a track inspector for all circuits."

Stuart Higgs, series director of British Superbike, added: "He was highly respected both nationally and internationally in the field of motorcycle racing."

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The Week in Numbers

32: The number of laps completed in a rain-soaked Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday. Leading the race at the time it was stopped, Jenson Button secured his second win for Brackley-based Brawn GP. There was considerable criticism for race organisers who decided to time the race for a 5pm start.



5,000: The estimated number of protestors in London over two days of the G20 summit. The protests were relative peaceful with a few moments of violent confrontations. One of the placards summed up the overall nature of the rally – "Down with this sort of thing"



7,000: The number of rescuers searching for survivors after the earthquake which struck central Italy. More than 200 people were killed and over 1,000 injured. Teams of rescuers have found 150 survivors so far. Twenty thousand people have been made homeless by the natural disaster.



£23,000: The amount MPs are allowed to claim in expenses while staying in London. The expenses system has been justified by Home Secretary, Jacqui Smith, who has found herself in the centre of the row. The Home Secretary said MPs are expected to live in two places which came at a cost.

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Pillow fight in town centre

THE first public entertainment event to take place on the newly created open space in Northampton Market Square was a mass pillow fight organised by a "flashmob".

About 150 people turned up in the town centre at 3pm on Saturday after the details of the event were advertised on social networking websites.

The borough council has spent £1.3 million on expanding the entertainment area of the Market Square and the first officially planned event for the new space is a "Celebration of Northamptonshire" on Saturday (April 11).

Councillor Brendan Glynane (*Lib Dem, Delapre*), deputy leader of Northampton Borough Council, who witnessed the pillow fight, said: "I think this is the people's open space and the people have reclaimed it."

"I probably couldn't have imagined that this would be the first event on the entertainment area but I look forward to future events in the summer."

Eamonn Fitzpatrick, a market trader who has been forced to move his stall to create the entertainment area, said: "I think it is being done in the right spirit and it is absolutely brilliant to see all the people of different ages here."

"I've always said this market does not belong to the market traders but it belongs to the people



About 150 people descended on Northampton Market Square for a pillow fight – one of the first events to take place in the new area

of Northampton."

The flashmob event in Northampton was one of dozens which happened in other cities and towns around the world to mark World Pillow Fighting Day.

Kevin Smith, of Hackleton, who

attended the flashmob event after seeing it advertised on the internet, said: "There were some heavy pillow blows in there but it was done in the right spirit. It is great fun on a lovely day and it is nice to see so many people here."

Pair tackle 1000-mile walk

TWO men will today begin a mammoth 1,000-mile walk from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise money for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice in Northampton.

John Danson, aged 67, will be doing the walk with his brother-in-law, 63-year-old Robert Stockwin, to raise cash for the Kettering Road hospice where their friend, Jilly Shellard, died in January, aged 53.

Mr Danson, of Towcester Road, Far Cotton, and Mr Stockwin, of Thirlestane Road, Far Cotton, hope to complete the walk by June 8.

Mr Danson, who works as a delivery van driver

for Tesco in Mereway, said she was first diagnosed four years ago, but despite a period of remission, the illness returned.

He said: "She was a marvellous woman and her death was devastating. We have received a lot of support from Tesco and the Boys Brigade Old Boys' rugby football club. Tesco have also said they will add on an extra 20 per cent of our final total."

Both he and Mr Stockwin, a baker at the same Tesco store, have already raised £2,000, but are hoping to top £3,000 by the end. To sponsor Mr Danson call Northampton 760495.



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Club's £50k youth boost

COBBLERS have been given a £50,000 windfall by the Football League in recognition of the standard of their work in the community.

The club is among the first to be given "silver accreditation" as a result of a recent assessment by the Football League Trust regional management team.

Representatives were impressed by Northampton Town's existing community cohesion and sports participation projects, as well as evidence from the club that showed how the extra money would be used to continue youth development.

Gareth Willsher, spokesman for Northampton Town, said: "We are delighted to be chosen as one of the first clubs in the country to be given Football League recognition."

"It shows they have complete confidence in the huge amount of community work the club does in Northampton and beyond."

To achieve silver status, the clubs had to fulfil a range of criteria set out by the Trust, such as providing a three-year business plan showing sustainable programmes covering all four of the Football League Trust's priorities of community cohesion, health, education and sports participation.



Shock of vet at dog left to suffer

THE senior partner of a veterinary centre in Northamptonshire says the neglect of a dog brought in for euthanasia was the worst he had seen in more than 25 years.

Henry, an 11-year-old Old English mastiff, was taken to the Croft Veterinary Centre, in Brackley, to be put down in December 2007.

He was extremely emaciated, with a cancerous tumour in his mouth which had disintegrated his lower jaw, making it impossible for him to eat. He also had bed sores, caused because he was unable to stand.

David Blaxter, aged 71, a breeder of Old English mastiffs and Great Danes, was found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to a dog in the case brought by the RSPCA. He regularly showed dogs at Crufts and had acted as a judge at dog shows.

Allan Dick, senior partner at the Croft Veterinary Centre, said when Henry was taken in he weighed 38kgs, half of the healthy weight range for a dog of his breed.



■ Henry, an Old English mastiff, was the worst case of neglect a vet had seen in the last 25 years

Mr Dick said: "It came about from the post mortem that Henry had a slow-growing tumour in his lower jaw to which point his lower jaw was hanging down and his teeth were hanging forward. He couldn't eat or drink and the bone had dissolved."

"I felt he should have been seen months beforehand. The tumour might have been operable and if not we could certainly have given pain relief. We hadn't seen the dog at all until that moment."

"It was the worst case of neglect and suffering I have seen in more than 25 years."

Henry had never had a veterinary examination in his life and Blaxter and his wife Sylvia, aged 75, admitted they had noticed problems with his mouth six months earlier. In mitigation, Blaxter said Henry was just an old dog and he had not noticed his tumour.

The couple, of Barton Hartshorn, near Brackley, were ordered to pay £4,130 in costs and fines by magistrates after being found jointly responsible of failing to provide veterinary treatment for Henry.

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Google Street car spotted

GOOGLE Street View has begun to map the streets of Northampton.

The internet giant's latest project to capture the world in digital images was spotted in Arrowhead Road, Briar Hill, yesterday.

The project should see every street in Britain snapped and the pictures posted on the web, providing 360-degree 3D imagery at street level.

Gareth Evans, spokesman for Street View, said the scheme would benefit residents of Northampton.

He said: "Street View is a useful tool to help people find their way around, especially when choosing places to stay. You can see

what amenities are nearby and check if the hotel really is 30 metres away from the beach, as stated on the website. It is also useful for checking out areas you're not familiar with and getting directions. A lot of businesses embed the imagery on their website in order to give directions to their premises from a given location."



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Your View

We asked: Will calorie counts on fast food packaging change your eating habits?

"I don't think it will make a difference. Everybody knows it's fast food. I can't see the point really."

Adam Bowie, 26, in the Army, Corby



"I really don't eat that sort of food. I never buy fast food, I hate it."

Jenny Atlas, 39, teacher, Wellingborough Road, Northampton



"I don't think it will make me change my mind. You know it's not healthy when you have it."

Nicola Pitt, 26, from Kingshorpe



"It might make me change my mind if I was watching my weight, which I do sometimes."

Andrew Roberts, 37, unemployed, Billing Road, Northampton

We asked: What will you be spending your increase in state pension on?

"I will spend it on having a meal out at a restaurant."

Fred Nurse, aged 81, retired of Duston, Northampton



"I will probably spend it on buying something for my granddaughter."

Vera Nurse, aged 78, retired, of Duston, Northampton



"I might spend it on food but £5 does not go very far these days."

Mary Webster, aged 72, retired, of Northampton



"I will be spending it on paying my council tax, as that keeps going up."

Bryan Webster, aged 77, retired, of Northampton town centre

Carnival under threat over funds

THE organisers of Northampton's carnival have warned the event could be called off after their application for council funding was turned down.

The group asked Northamptonshire County Council for £12,000 to help run this year's carnival, which is due to be held on Saturday, June 13.

But after their funding bid was refused, Jonathan Cobb, who helps organise the event and runs the carnival's website, said its future was now hanging in the balance.

He said: "Losing this amount of money is a huge problem for us. I'm actually worried that it might not happen and that would leave Northampton without any major summer events now the balloon festival has gone."

"It's all very disappointing. It just feels like the people in charge don't want anything happening in Northampton."

The carnival organisers hope businesses from Northampton may come forward to help.

Mr Cobb said: "It costs us



about £50,000 to run the whole carnival, so losing £12,000 is quite a big blow. We hope we might still be able to have a carnival, but losing that money may mean we can't run workshops with schools, which is a big thing to us."

The Northampton Carnival, which was revived in 2005 after an absence of nine years, received £8,000 in council funding last year.

Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member Councillor Ursula Jones (*Con*,

Wicksteed) said: "It was decided money could be more advantageously spent in other places. It wasn't that we didn't want to support the carnival, it's just that, with limited funds, we weren't able to stretch that far."

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Two-year-old Gordon, who belongs to dog handler Graeme Hall, from



Overstone, passed the examination at the Birmingham Schutzhund – German for 'protection dog' – Club on Sunday.

Graeme said: "Gordon passed the traffic test with flying colours, I'm glad to say. Many of my clients have met Gordon as he helps me to help dogs who are aggressive or over-excited with other dogs."

"He's well balanced and calm, and he's done well to pass the test. I'm very proud of him."

The traffic portion of the test involves the judge throwing almost anything at a dog/handler team to see that they remain calm and steady under all circumstances.

The pair also had to squeeze through the middle of a rowdy simulated football crowd of about 25 loud spectators without Gordon becoming fearful or aggressive.

Gordon was also left alone as a passive dog was walked past him without him reacting.

■ Proud owner Graeme Hall, from Overstone, with his rottweiler dog, Gordon

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NEW car dealerships in Northampton are confident they can cope with the credit crunch despite figures revealing sales are down almost a third on last year.

Nationally, car sales fell by 30.5 per cent in March compared to the same month last year, with 313,912 new vehicles with an '09' number plate registered.

Sales for the first quarter of the year are down 29.7 per cent, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said yesterday, but small cars and those with diesel engines had shown a slight improvement.

Rick Shocklidge, from Tony Brooks, in St Peter's Way, Northampton, said poor sales were to be expected.

"We are selling a few cars, primarily because of the bad weather when people wrote them off, and are getting the money through now. Business is not good but it's ticking over, it's balancing itself out. It's like being in a World Cup month."

But while some dealers are struggling, one claimed crowds were flocking to take advantage of cut-price deals.

Neal Clarke, manager of the Motorvogue dealership in Kingsthorpe Road, Northampton, said the firm has had three successive record-breaking weeks.

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"People who have got the money to buy cars are taking advantage of it."

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■ Graham Walker from the Friends of Delapre Abbey at the pet cemetery which was vandalised before the weekend along with a grade two listed wall
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VANDALS caused thousands of pounds of damage at Delapre Abbey in Northampton after they smashed up a pet cemetery and removed stones from a grade two listed wall.

Police believe a heavy instrument was used to carry out the vandalism between 5pm on Thursday and 8.15am on Friday.

Graham Walker, chairman of Friends of Delapre Abbey (FODA), said it was the worst act of vandalism he had ever seen.

He said: "This is not just kids playing. You could not do this by hand, this is wilful damage."

"I really honestly think whoever has done this should be put in the grave. It is sheer mindless vandalism."

"Once they have been found I think they should be forced to come back up to the Abbey and work off their punishment," he added.

"You cannot put a cost on the gravestones because they are irreplaceable and have huge sentimental value. People come

down here to put flowers on them and I don't know what they will think when they see the damage that has been done."

Mr Walker said the damage caused to the perimeter wall of the Abbey will probably cost up to £5,000 to repair as new coping stones will have to be sourced and then a stonemason will have to be paid to carry out the repairs.

Delapre Abbey was built in 1145 by the son of Simon de Senlis, second Earl of Northampton and in 1460 was the site of the Battle of Northampton between the Yorkists and the Lancastrians during the Wars of the Roses.

FODA, which is now a recognised charity, has been working with Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council and English Heritage over the last eight years to restore the Abbey, its gardens, parklands and lake to its former glory.

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A HUGE convoy of Harley Davidson motorcycles filled the streets of Northampton town centre as part of the sixth annual April Fools Bike Run.

The biggest ever turnout for the event – with at least 190 bikers taking part – travelled together from Sixfields Stadium to Abington Street on Saturday to raise money for Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

The rally was first organised by Northamptonshire County Councillor Terry Wire (*Lab, St James*) six years ago, after he was diagnosed with cancer.

Speaking after he pulled up in Abington Street, Councillor Wire said he hoped to raise more than £2,000 from this year's event.

He said: "It has been brilliant, with the good weather it has brought a record number of people out. The route was a bit more difficult this year due to the closure of Gold Street as we had to use St Peter's Way roundabout instead but we did have additional marshals this year."

"I really do appreciate all the support and all the help I have got to put on this fantastic event."

The turnout this year smashed last year's record, when about 140 bikers paraded through Northampton.

The bike run is advertised on specialist Harley Davidson websites as well as a national motorbike magazine and leather-clad enthusiasts of all ages come to Northampton from all over the country to take part.

Sue Bownass, from Friends of Cyn-

thia Spencer, said she was completely overwhelmed by the amount of support the event had attracted this year.

She said: "It is a fantastic event, absolutely awesome. I wept when all the bikes came up Abington Street. The bikers raise a lot of money for us and we have had companies say that whatever we raise this year they will match it."

"The turnout this year has been absolutely phenomenal. People have come from all over the place to support it."

The April Fools Bike Run has raised more than £20,000 to date and people can still donate money to this year's event by contacting Councillor Wire on Northampton 589022 or email twire@northamptonshire.gov.uk.

■ Over 190 Harley Davidson riders turned out for the charity event
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Drivers fined in war on phones

THREE drivers every day are being fined for using mobile phones at the wheel in Northamptonshire, according to police figures.

Since January 1 this year, Northamptonshire Police has issued 308 on-the-spot £60 fines and three penalty points to drivers seen using mobiles while driving.

In 2008, the force handed out a total of 1,164 fixed penalty notices for driving while using a mobile telephone.

Sgt Nick Gough, casualty reduction partnership team leader for Northamptonshire Police, warned drivers of the dangers of using their phones at the wheel.

He said: "Research shows

that all phone calls, using any type of mobile, distract you from driving.

"Reaction times for drivers using a handheld phone are 30 per cent worse than for driving under the influence of alcohol at the legal limit.

"You are also four times more likely to crash if you use a mobile phone while driving.

"Northamptonshire Police will issue fixed penalty tickets to any driver found using their phones while driving."

Two recent Northamptonshire court cases have highlighted the dangers of driving while using mobile phones.

Company director Lynne-Marie Howden was convicted of causing death by careless



■ Police say using a mobile phone while driving is the 'height of irresponsibility'

driving on February 20 after colliding head-on with a car while on a hands-free mobile in November 2007.

Howden, aged 43, of East Street, Long Buckby, had been using her mobile telephone for about 30 minutes before she veered across the road and crashed into the Ford Ka of

Patricia Frostick.

Philippa Curtis, who sent and received around 20 text messages while driving at 70mph on a dual carriageway, before crashing into 24-year-old Victoria McBryde's broken down car, was sentenced to 21 months in jail on February 2.

Insp Andy Hall, from the operations tactical unit for Northamptonshire Police, said: "You cannot be in full control of your vehicle if you are on a mobile phone or sending a text message.

"Phoning or texting while on the move is the height of irresponsibility."

Defence not up to scratch...

A MOTORIST claimed he was "just scratching his ear" after being pulled over by police for driving while using a mobile phone.

Paul Reynolds, aged 41, pleaded not guilty at Northampton Magistrates Court to using a handheld mobile while driving his white Ford Transit tipper in Weedon Road, St James.

Abigail Turner, prosecuting, said police had spotted Reynolds on his mobile while waiting at traffic lights between Spencer Bridge Road and Weedon Road.

"Mr Reynolds had his right hand up to his right ear, but as he came around the corner he saw a marked police vehicle and was seen to throw his hand down and then raise it up again and pretend to scratch his ear."

Defending himself, Reynolds, of St Crispin Drive, Duston, said he had been leaning on his hand with his elbow on the door panel while waiting for the lights to change. He said he moved his hand down as he changed gear and then moved it back up to his face to scratch his ear.

When officers searched Reynolds's vehicle they found a black Nokia mobile phone in the driver's door compartment.

Reynolds received three penalty points on his licence and was fined £150. He was ordered to pay £50 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

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Leap from plane to boost aid for SADS

A YOUNG mother from Northampton who survived a near-fatal heart condition while pregnant is going to leap from a plane to raise cash for charity.

Michelle Shepherd, aged 22, a model, wants to raise at least £5,000 for a sudden adult death syndrome (SADS) charity, as she was very nearly a victim of SADS herself.

Michelle, from Hardingstone, and mother of two-year-old Alessa, found out in 2006 that she had an extra electromagnetic "pathway" in her heart, making it beat up to 200 times a minute.

The condition, known as Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome, is linked with sudden adult death syndrome and meant she could drop dead at any time, so an operation was arranged for doctors to burn the pathway away with lasers.

She said: "It was terrifying, but I was so pleased the condition was at last diagnosed and could be treated. For many years I wondered why I couldn't keep up with all my friends in sports lessons. The teachers labelled me lazy."

On the day of her operation, however, her blood and urine samples showed



she was pregnant, and so could not undergo the operation without harming the baby.

She said she and her boyfriend, Matthew Law, aged 26, were "thrilled"



■ Twenty-two-year-old Michelle Shepherd, pictured with her daughter Alessa, wants to raise at least £5,000 for a sudden adult death syndrome charity

Submitted picture

about the pregnancy, but she had to be treated with betablockers instead of having the operation straight away, causing her to gain seven stone.

She went into labour in January 2007, something she describes simply as "petrifying" as her heart rate rocketed before Alessa was born by caesarean section.

Having finally had the corrective operation and slimmed down to eight and a half stone, she is now starting a modelling career and plans to do the skydive in May.

She said: "I have been given the all-

clear by the consultant. Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome is linked to SADS, so there are quite a lot of sad stories when it's not diagnosed. Fortunately I'm now back on track."

Anne Jolly, founder of SADS UK, which donates heart monitors and defibrillators to the community, said: "It is so good to hear a positive story like Michelle's where a condition has been treated and she can lead a normal life. Unfortunately, we do have charity members who have lost a loved one which is tragic, especially as it can be treated."

Hospital has hit waiting targets

THE Accident and Emergency department at Northampton General Hospital has made a significant improvement on waiting times, despite a huge rise in patients through its doors.

The hospital missed its annual target for 2008-09, as it struggled to cope with huge influxes of patients throughout the year and the effects of severe winter weather.

But latest figures show the hospital dealt with 98.5 per cent of patients within four hours during March.

The greatest improvement was shown in the last three weeks of the month, when only 14 people were not treated, discharged or admitted within four hours from a total of 4,979 seen.

Helen O'Shea, deputy chief executive, said the turnaround was 'phenomenal' and said a reduction in lengths of stay for both planned and emergency patients had helped the hospital to achieve such high admission rates.

She said: "We are aiming to maintain this level of performance to meet the target consistently next year."

The hospital hit the monthly target despite the emergency departments seeing an average of 236 patients every day during March, 14 per cent more than March 2008.

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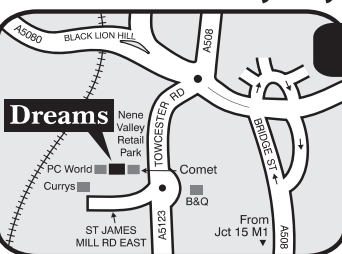
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Parents claim 'clear victory'

A PARENTS' group is claiming a "clear victory" after hearing of a proposal to defer the opening of an academy at Northampton's Unity College.

A report issued ahead of a Northamptonshire County Council cabinet meeting on Tuesday, April 14, has recommended that councillors reject plans to close the secondary school on August 31 and defer the opening of the academy until September 2010.

The Save Unity College group recently handed a petition signed by more than 1,000 people opposing the academy proposals to Councillor Joan Kirkbride (*Con, Bugbrooke*), cabinet member for children and young people.

John Henry, a member of the group, said: "The deferral is a clear victory for the parents' group."

"The parents have long argued for Unity to remain as it is in terms of status."

"The action of the authority in deferring this ludicrous proposal for an academy is a direct result of the pressure we have brought to bear. We have been very clear from the beginning that their proposal had no merit whatsoever."

Other proposals due to be discussed at the cabinet meeting



■ Parents protest over plans to switch to academy status

include a recommendation to consider an alternative sponsorship package for the academy and the establishment of an interim executive board to govern Unity College from April 2009.

Liz Hunt, a member of Save Unity College said: "It is of great concern the county council is proposing to immediately introduce an Interim Executive Board."

"The loss of the Governing Body would be a disaster at this time. Since becoming more independent from the influence of the Diocese of Peterborough in recent months, the governing body has earned the trust of parents at a time when the local authority and others have lost the respect of parents."

Councillor Joan Kirkbride, cab-

inet member for children and young people, said: "It is essential to ensure that when cabinet meets, the right decision is made about the future of the school."

"What is not in question is that changes must be made if there is to be any hope of improving the outcomes for the students of Unity College and helping them to reach their full potential."

"I am in no doubt that an academy is the right solution for Unity College and its pupils."

"We have a duty to make sure that whatever decision we make represents the best way forward for the school."

If the cabinet agrees with the recommendations put forward then it is understood the current headteacher of Unity College, Margaret Gwynne, would remain as headteacher for the 2009/10 school year.

A county council spokeswoman said she was unable to comment on whether Vanessa Ray, the principal designate of the proposed academy, would be paid during the deferred year.

She said: "If the cabinet agrees the proposals we will have to look at the arrangements, but at the moment it is something that is impossible to discuss as it is a hypothetical situation."

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"In the build up to the Trial a further offer of £17,500.00 was also made and was also

rejected. I advised the Claimant that her husband would be entitled to approximately £4.00 an hour for the help that he was providing around the house and with the shopping. Ordinarily he would spend 8 hours a week on these tasks which she had previously did. In addition I felt that the offer did not take into account the fact that if she were to look for a job, all things being equal amongst the applicants, she would be near to the bottom of the candidates who would appear to be attractive to a potential employer for the type of work that she was used to because of her ongoing neck problems."

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The theatre is also proud to be hosting the UK premiere of English National Ballet's *Angeline Ballerina's Big Audition* (May 21 to 24).

Productions under the title Made in Northampton include *Under Milk Wood* (May 1 to 16), an array of Alan Ayckbourn plays as part of the theatre's Ayckbourn at 70 festival, and some early 20th century American gems.

The theatre's Community Actors Group will also contribute to the Ayckbourn festival with their production of *The Revengers' Comedies* (July 7 to 11), a two-part play that pays homage to the classic thriller *Strangers on a Train*; while Royal & Derngate's youth theatre group presents

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The buses, costing £1.3 million in total, are low emission and have been introduced by operator Stagecoach to route one travelling from the town centre to the eastern district, stopping at estates including Rectory Farm, Blackthorn, Goldings, Thorpeland and Weston Favell.

Balloons were also attached to all the bus stops on the route on Sunday night.

Adam Rideout, one of the welcomers, said: "It has been received very well. People were very surprised to be said 'good

morning' to. I'm sure it's something we will do again."

Stagecoach managing director Tony Cox said: "The cost of these new buses brings the total investment in Stagecoach bus routes to the Eastern district to more than £3m over the past four years.

"We have improved these services significantly by introducing evening buses, Sunday buses and increasing frequencies at the busiest times.

"Apart from being better for the environment, all of these new vehicles are low floor, they all have CCTV fitted for the peace of mind of our passengers, and they are more comfortable.

"They are also slightly longer so that we can carry more passengers, reducing overcrowding."



■ Adam Rideout and Richard Heron welcome passengers on to one of the new eco-friendly Stagecoach buses yesterday

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In the row in the main picture above, in Harcourt Square, Earls Barton, is a one-bedroom first floor flat which is available for £425 per month unfurnished. Forming part of a barn conversion, it has entrance hall, lounge, kitchen area, bedroom and bathroom. There are also storage heaters and parking space.

In the block pictured above left (centre) in Artizan Road, Abington, is a one-bedroom apartment which is available for rent for £450 per month unfurnished.

In the row pictured below left in Edith Street, Abington, is a two-bedroom Victorian terraced house which is available for rent for £550 per month part-furnished. It has entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, breakfast room, utility room, cellar, two bedrooms and bathroom. Outside there is a low-maintenance rear garden.

In the block pictured above right in Manor Road, Moulton, is a three-bedroom semi-detached house which is available for rent for



£625 per month unfurnished. It has entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room, cloakroom, three bedrooms and shower room. Outside there are gardens to front and rear and larger than average garage.

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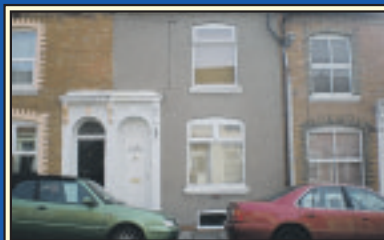
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 <p>BATEMAN Congratulations Andy and Gilly on the birth of our 2nd Grand-daughter Darcy Sister for Evie. Love Mum and Dad x x x</p>	 <p>CLARE & JODY DOUGLAS (Nee Pepin) Congratulations to Clare and Jody. Lily Eilonwy A new sister for Zach. Born March 7th, 2009. Weighing 8lb 2oz. With Love from Mum, Dad, Melissa and family.</p>	 <p>Mark & Georgia GOODRICH (nee Ulseth) Are proud to announce the arrival of their precious Daughter Lilli-River Virginia on 30th March 2009 weighing 7lbs 13 Oz in Adelaide, Australia. A loved little Sister for Lachlan. x</p>	 <p>LEWIS & THOIRS Congratulations Neil and Danielle on the birth of your Daughter Skye Louise on April 4th. Granddaughter for Lynne and Geoff, Niece for Steve and Alesha and baby Cousin for Sydney.</p>	<p>WHEATCROFT To Kate nee Francklow and Brian. A beautiful Daughter Molly Hannah at Bangor hospital. A Sister for Nicola and Grand daughter for John and Yvonne</p> 	 <p>Nick KINGSTON Happy Birthday Nick. Love Sophie x x x</p>	 <p>Zella GIBSON Guess what! Its Mummy's 30th Birthday on Easter Sunday and we all want to say "We love her lots" From Chloe and Jack, Tony, Mum and Dad and all the family x x x x x</p>	<p>Suzan JUDKINS Happy Birthday on your 60th With lots of love Tim, Clare and Charlie x x x</p> 	 <p>Philip & Sheelagh RATTAN Congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary 7th April 2009 With love from All the Family</p>
 <p>BATEMAN Andy and Gill announce the arrival of Darcy Skye A Sister for Evie. Born at home on Sunday 29th March. Weight 7lbs 5oz. A big thank you to the Kettering Ambulance Crew and Community Midwife.</p>	 <p>EMERY Kelvin and Deborah would like to announce the safe arrival of their Son Lewis Samuel Born March 29th, 7lb 3oz. A Brother for Ethan. Huge thanks to Sturtridge and Balmoral.</p>	<p>SALLY & SCOTT KNIGHT - MCPHERSON Congratulations on your Son Louis Love Grandma and Grandad Lennon.</p> 	<p>SMILLIE Congratulations Elizabeth and Dave on the birth of your lovely daughter Lola Grace a sister for Isabelle, on 2nd April. With all our love Mum, Dad and Peter. x x x</p> 	 <p>13th Birthday Keely  ENNEW This little cutie is now a teenager! Happy 13th Keely! Loads of love from Nan and Pap x x x</p>	 <p>Stacey Georgina PARBERY Happy 21st birthday Stace Our 'lil darlins' all grown up & still our bundle of pride & joy Have a 'wicked' 'well good' parrrrty! Love ya much Stace From Mum & Dad XXXX</p>	 <p>Nicola WARREN 40 Today! Happy Birthday All our love x Gavin x Millie & Henry XX XX</p>	<p>Jessica HACKNEY Nick and Lisa are pleased to announce the safe arrival and Christening of their beautiful Daughter Jessica May born on 20th August 2008 to be Christened on 5th April 2009. Lots of love, Mummy and Daddy.</p> 	<p>TO PLACE YOUR FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS CALL 01604 515000</p> <p>In Memoriam</p> <p>ELVY Jilly 01/10/92 - 04/04/04. Precious are the memories. No one can take away. Ours to love and cherish, Through every passing day. All our lives we'll miss you, As the years go by. But in our hearts we'll keep you, Because Jilly we love you so. Lots of love Mum, Dad, Nanny, Grandad and Auntie Sue x x x</p>

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Mick FINCH

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 Viv
 x x x

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 Father of Philip
 & Susan.
 Father-in-law of
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 his Grandchildren.
 Always in our
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 and remembered
 every day.
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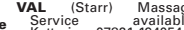
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INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

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No. 70417 of 2009 RE: **EMMA
MARY MCALINDON** also
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No. 70408 of 2009 RE: **RICHARD PATRICK MCGHIE** a
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No. 70412 of 2009 RE: **EUGENE
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In The Matter of
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STRANGE satnav system incidents have led to the delivery of a bouncy castle to an old people's home and a Tunbridge Wells-bound driver arriving at London Bridge, a survey has shown.

In another bizarre case, a motorist's satnav told him he was driving on water and he "felt like Jesus and got very confused," a survey by www.motoring.co.uk found. Also, wedding guests were sent to the wrong church and had to follow the bride up the aisle when they reached the right one. Another driver heading for the coast ended in a farmyard with a lot of sheep. In the bouncy castle incident, the driver entered one digit wrongly on a postcode, while another motorist got points on his licence through following faulty directions.

The survey also showed that 56 per cent of those polled had yelled at their satnav and 79 per cent had had "regular conversations" with their satnav system. While 20 per cent of women have ended up in a field rather than at their intended destination, the figure for men was 30 per cent.

Overall, 56 per cent had gone wrong with satnav, with north west England road users the least likely to be led astray. Favourite satnav voices were Nigella Lawson, Billy Connolly and Julie Walters, with the least favourite being Simon Cowell, Catherine Tate and Baroness Thatcher.

Alto hits the right note with small car buyers

A LOT of very clever people have thought long and hard about the future of the automotive industry and the consensus seems to be that cars are going to have to get smaller.

That must be music to the ears of Suzuki, a company with half a century of experience in producing small cars. With the age of the gas-guzzler apparently all but up, the market should be moving in the Japanese marque's direction and the Alto city car could be a major beneficiary, particularly in entry-level SZ2 form.

All Suzuki Altos get the same 1.0-litre 3-cylinder engine. It's a modern unit boasting four valves per cylinder and aluminium construction which helps to keep weight down. It generates 66bhp at 6,000rpm and although it can struggle on inclines or when there's a heavy load on board forcing you to stay on top of the gears, it's adequate for travelling one-up around town as most city cars tend to do.

The engine noise is quite prevalent but it's not unpleasant and even sounds mildly sporty at higher revs. When cruising, it settles down well and only the wind noise is really noticeable.

It's no longer enough for city cars to be space efficient wheeled boxes. Customers have come to expect a certain cheeky

style and the likes of the Fiat 500, smart fortwo and Toyota iQ have delivered it.

The Alto isn't in this league in terms of its cute factor or its price which is £7,245, but it's a far from unappealing proposition with its big teardrop headlights and rising side window line.

The C-pillars are rather large and this doesn't help rear visibility but the five-door body style offers decent practicality. With a couple of six-footers in the front, there's adequate space for a couple more to squeeze into

the back seats. Head room is good and there's a boot behind of a reasonable but not spectacular 129-litres that can increase to 367-litres with the seats folded flat.

Equipment wise, the Alto turns in a strong performance, even in this entry-level SZ2 form. Power steering, electric front windows, a tilt-adjustable steering column, an MP3 compatible CD stereo, remote central locking and a 50:50 split rear seat are all standard. The £500 it costs to upgrade to the SZ3 model only gets you air-conditioning, so cost-conscious buyers might feel inclined to stay put.

The safety equipment includes four airbags and ABS brakes but you'll need to shell out for the SZ4 model to get ESP stability control.

The Alto's lightweight design allows it to get the most of its 1.0-litre engine and in terms of fuel economy, very few petrol powered cars can touch it.

The Alto can average 64.2mpg on the combined cycle and 51mpg around town where most owners will use it. Accompanied by emissions of just 103g/km and the lowest possible insurance grouping, it makes the Alto one of the most cost-effective purchases in the sector.

With the Alto, Suzuki will be looking for its expertise and perseverance over half a century in the small car market to pay off.

It's never had the sector to itself, though, and as buyers turn to more compact and efficient vehicles in growing numbers, so rival manufacturers will be driven to compete more fiercely for sales. The Alto has the capacity to do well in this market but it will rely on its value proposition, so there's a lot riding on the SZ2 entry-level models.



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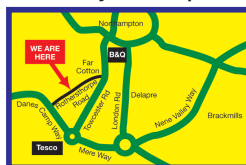
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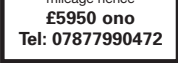
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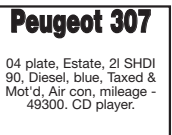


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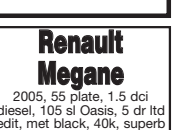
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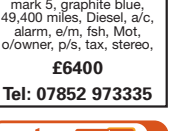
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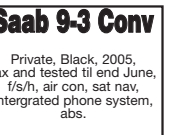


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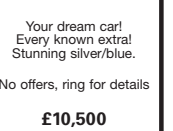


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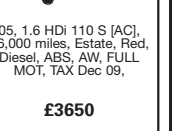
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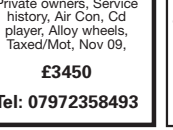
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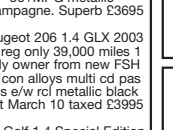
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Carlos Spencer revealed how he regrets the nature of his departure from Franklin's Gardens under a cloud.



Cobblers will survive

The Chron's Jefferson Lake predicted that Northampton Town would stay up – by just two points!

Saints proud of their form

BRUCE REIHANA says the Saints squad will be aiming to prove they are every bit as good as the cream of the Guinness Premiership as the season enters its final furlong.

Reihana was in sparkling form on Saturday as Gloucester became the latest big hitters to be cut down to size at Franklin's Gardens.

So far this term, the same Gardens fate has also befallen league leaders Leicester Tigers and top-four contenders Harlequins.

And with the European Challenge Cup quarter-final against Connacht next on the agenda – followed by concluding league games against London Irish and Saracens – Reihana is aiming to spoil plenty more parties in the weeks ahead.

"We have talked about that over the last month," said the club captain.

"We know we have got a hard finish against the top four teams, but we see that as a great challenge to be able to prove we can beat these big teams.

"We are going to keep fighting right to the end, and if we can get a couple of wins who knows where we can finish."

'Cobblers are united as one'



■ Andy Holt says there is no dressing room split at Northampton Town as the team battle to stay in League One. Holt is hopeful of a recall to the first team against Bristol

ANDY HOLT says there is no dressing-room split at the Cobblers.

Since the team slid into the Coca-Cola League One drop zone last week, rumours have been rife that the squad has divided into two separate camps.

But Holt insists that is not the case, and although he concedes every football club has its own cliques, the big left-winger says now is the time for unity.

"It's not the case at all," said Holt, who could be in line for a recall to the first team at Bristol Rovers on Friday. "There are always going to be people who get on with other people and some who don't, but it's about crossing the line at three o'clock.

"We try to work together as a team and there is always going to be little groups of people here, there and everywhere but it's nothing to do with any splits.

"It's nothing like 'I don't like this person, I don't like that person', it's not like that at all. But whether we like each other or not, it's our livelihoods we're talking about. We've got bills to

pay and even if we don't like each other we've got to pull together to win games."

The Cobblers squad have had to endure more than a week without any first-team action after slipping into the bottom four with last Tuesday's 1-0 reverse at Yeovil. The weekend results have worsened the club's plight, with the gap between Town and safety now two points.

Over Easter they face two matches in the space of four days, a double date which, while it won't decide the team's fate, could affect the squad psychologically and in terms of momentum. "We just have to deal with it," said Holt. "For every team that's winning there's one losing. When Leyton Orient won at the weekend, Crewe and Carlisle dropped a couple of points.

"It's still in our hands. We've got a massive couple of games over the Easter period and if we can get anything out of them it could be totally different.

"It's a cliché but we have got to take it one game at a time at the moment."

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